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We make a clarification in the definition of "assessment roll," and one of the reasons...one of the things that we do in this bill is to enact a new definition of "taxable value" as meaning the same thing as "assessed value," something that you've heard on the bill before it. It strikes an obsolete first-time reporting requirement for government-owned property. It changes a reference to the assessment roll to match the definitional changes with respect to taxable and assessed...taxable value and assessed value. There is a committee amendment and I'll explain that in a moment, but I would ask for this relatively technical and minor bill brought to us by the Department of Property Tax Administration to be advanced.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Revenue Committee has committee amendments, AM0032.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, would you like to open on the committee amendments, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. What we did in the committee amendment was to adopt into LB 292 another committee bill. It was LB 293 and it was a very small one with one simple idea in it, and the idea was to strike the requirement that the Property Tax Administrator receive copies of county board of equalization decisions on value and exemption protests. What Ms. Lang told the committee was that the law is requiring counties to send her data that she never looks through. She has box after box after box of data and information for which she has no relevant use in her office. They never review it. They never look at it. It bears no relationship to their workload, and it's simply a big dust-filled storage problem on their hands for data that they could, if they've needed it, they could access easily and don't need to have hard copies collecting dust in their office. That bill was responded to very positively by the committee but then, in an attempt to be even more efficient, and I agree with this notion, Senator Redfield suggested we amended it into LB 292. The committee passed that amendment and we put LB 93 into LB 292 to save time on the floor and to get this thing moving in the way that it should. That's the committee amendment. I